

1492

the Spanish drove the Moors
from Spain

April 17, 1492

Ferdinand & Isabella signed
the CAPITULACIONES giving
certain rights & titles to Columbus
& his children after his death
one by one Columbus's claims to
the wealth being taken from America
slipped away.

$$1492 + 510 \text{ yrs} = 2002$$

Toledo Spain: After the expulsion of Spain's Jews in 1492, the granite tombstones in the courtyard of the old Samuel ha-Levi synagogue were stolen to pave roads, and the world's largest Jewish community (est. 150,000 Jews) given the stark choice of becoming Christian or fleeing the country. Now (2002) Spain's Roman Catholic bishops

want Pope John Paul II to canonize Queen Isabella I. Her & her husband King Ferdinand II also started the Spanish Inquisition led by the fanatical inquisitor Tomás de Torquemada, the tribunal employed diabolical torture methods & condemned hundreds (perhaps 1000s) of supposed Judaeo's & heretics to be burnt at the stake. The Inquisition was not abolished till 1834.

Oct 7, 1492

new mutiny and false sightings
on the 3 ships of Columbus left
them divided on what tack to
take.

Finally on Oct 7, 1492 they
sailed into a virtual river
of migrating birds which continued
south throughout the night.
Puzzled, Columbus angled

southwest on Oct 8. To follow the Arian
river and 4 days later, discovered the
New World.

Columbus prepared 3 ships; the
Santa Maria (weighed 150 tons; length \approx 90 ft;
greatest width 24 ft.): The Nina, and the
Pinta. Depart Aug. 3, 1492, 3 ships sailed out
of Palos Harbor. Stopped for repairs at Canary
Islands; then they headed west. The men
were ready to mutiny. Oct 10, 1492 found
a branch with berries - - -

2 am Oct 12, 1492, a man on Pinta saw
sandy white cliff in moonlight. Columbus

named the island San Salvador

Dec 24, 1492 Santa Maria ran aground on a sand bar on Island of Hispaniola (near Cuba). Named cargo ashore & built fort of ship's wood. kept 40 men at fort to hunt for gold & took 10 Indians back to Spain; 32 weeks from time he sailed till he returned to Palos. Indians survived

3 more voyages ¹⁴⁹³

- ① Established Colony in Hispaniola
- ② Discovered Coast of So. America
- ③ Sailed along Coast of So. America

Anthropologists conservatively calculate 800,000 people in what was to become contiguous U.S.

And

200,000 more in now Canada

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Lorenzo di Medici died in 1492
His younger son was made
a Cardinal and became
Pope Leo X in 1513.

The elder son succeeded to Lorenzo's
position but made himself so
unpopular that the Medici were
expelled from Florence.

Jan. 2, 1492

The leader of the last but stronghold
in Spain surrendered to Spanish
forces loyal to King Ferdinand I and
Queen Isabella I.

Apr 17, 1492

A contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

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King Ferdinand and Queen
Isabella of Spain issued an
edict expelling Jews from
Spanish soil except
for those willing to convert
to Christianity.

1492 (Oct. 12)

Columbus discovered America

1992 2002

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500 510 yrs ago

Oct. 21, 1492 New Style

= Oct 12, 1492 old style

Oct 12, 1492 is the date on his
log books. (Columbus)

(Why confuse the issue by
using 9 days? In 1300 do
you use 8 days?)

Oct 12, 1492

Old style Cal: (Oct 21 New Style)
Christopher Columbus arriving
with his expedition in
the present day Bahamas

(Note: if this is back calculating
from 1582 - Why 9 days instead
of 10 (Oct 5 = Oct 15, 1582)

Aug 3, 1492

Christopher Columbus and his 3 ships
Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria
leave Spain in search for
the Indies